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This is a preliminary amendment to Application No. 09/378,420.

On December 29, 2000, the Examiner issued an Office Action requiring restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, and withdrawing claims 29, 30, 37 and 38. Applicant believes that inadvertent typographical errors in those claims formed the basis for the Examiner's withdrawal of those claims. Accordingly, Applicant now amends claims 29, 30, 37 and 38, and respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the claims for further examination.

Please **AMEND** claims 29, 30, 37 and 38 as indicated:

26. (Reiterated; Amended) A method for characterizing one or more protein factors that bind to an identified cell[-type] specific cis regulatory element, comprising the steps of:

(a) preparing an extract containing the factors;

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